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**Montana Department of Commerce Awards
\$15,000 in Funding to Shelby**

(HELENA) – The Montana Department of Commerce has awarded \$15,000 in funding from the Community Development Block Grant – Economic Development (CDBG-ED) Program to the City of Shelby to complete an economic development plan that would include designs for façade rehabs, concepts for streetscapes, entry improvements, downtown plaza, feasibility study for three large vacant buildings in the business district, parking, and marketing brochures for business development.

“Revitalizing its downtown area is an important project for Shelby” said Governor Brian Schweitzer. “Shelby’s downtown area is really a centerpiece for community and a subject of pride for many people who live there.”

“The Department is pleased to help Shelby with this planning effort,” said Anthony Preite, Director of the Montana Department of Commerce. “Shelby faces similar challenges as other towns its size, and it’s focused on stimulating economic development in the heart of the City.”

The CDBG-ED program receives funding from the Community Development Block Grant program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Economic Development Administration.

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